

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2009

UNADOPTED

1. CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL

President Katherine H. Smith called the special meeting of the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Katherine H. Smith, president; Thomas "Hoagy" Holguin, clerk; Brian O'Neal, assistant clerk; Anna L. Piercy and Jordan Brandman, members; Joseph M. Farley, superintendent; Tim Holcomb, deputy superintendent; and Fred Navarro, assistant superintendent.

Dianne Poore, assistant superintendent, entered the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Absent: Russell Lee Sung, assistant superintendent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Katherine H. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. O'Neal, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees adopted the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS, OPEN SESSION

There were no requests to speak.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Resolution No. 2009/10-F-01, Authority to Submit an Application for the Qualified School Construction Bond Program

On the motion of Mrs. Piercy and duly seconded, following a lengthy discussion, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2009/10-F-01, Authority to Submit an Application for the Qualified School Construction Bond Program. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 authorized the issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) as a means of promoting investment in school facilities during the current recession. The United States Treasury Department will set a tax-credit rate for investors holding QSCBs that, on average, equals the amount of interest schools would ordinarily pay on debt. With the federal government covering most or all of the interest on the bonds, school districts will have up to 30 percent more available funds for construction. A total of \$773,525,000 has been allocated to the California Department of Education (CDE) to award to California school districts in amounts not to exceed \$25,000,000, per district for calendar year 2009. Applications from

school districts are due by August 25, 2009. It is expected that this program will be over-subscribed by districts in which case the CDE will conduct a lottery to select applications for approval. Once the CDE approves an application, the school district must issue bonds by December 31, 2009, or the authorization automatically will revert back to the CDE. The terms of the program require that within six months of issuance, the district must have entered into contracts equaling at least 10 percent of the bond proceeds. Within three years of the date of issuance, 100 percent of the bond proceeds must be spent. Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit an application for \$25,000,000, from the 2009 cycle of the Qualified School Construction Bond Program to the California Department of Education.

The roll call vote follows.

Ayes: Trustees Piercy, Brandman, O'Neal, Holguin, and Smith

5.2 **Introduction to Board Study Session on District-Wide Facilities**

The Board of Trustees received a brief report on today's plan to tour selected district campuses and facilities and departed from the district office at 1:55 p.m.

5.3 **Tour of Selected District Campuses and Facilities**

The Board of Trustees participated in a tour of the following district campuses and facilities: Anaheim High School, Ball Junior High School, Magnolia High School, Orangeview Junior High School, Brookhurst Junior High School, and district office facilities to observe first hand both completed facilities and those that need further improvements. No action was taken during the tour.

5.4 **Reconvene Meeting**

The Board of Trustees returned to the Board Room at 5:54 p.m. to discuss observations from today's facilities tour. A discussion ensued after it received a report on current and future facility needs and possible funding sources.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr. O'Neal, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Approved _____
Clerk, Board of Trustees